

Delaware Harness Racing Commission names judges' stand

DOVER, Del. – Delaware Harness Racing Commission Executive Director, Mark Davis announced today that the Commission has named Brian Manges, Presiding Judge, and two Associate Judges, Norman Short and Brent McLaren, to the judges' stand.

"Delaware is continuing its tradition with an extremely experienced judges' stand," stated Executive Director Mark Davis. "All three of these men have a life-long interest in the sport and will maintain the high level of integrity for which Delaware harness racing is known."

With this announcement, Mr. Manges was promoted from Associate Judge to Presiding Judge. He has been involved in the sport his entire life with success as an owner, trainer and driver in his early years. Manges later joined the Commission and has filled almost every possible position available within the DHRC as he progressed in his career over the past 19 years, including identifier, paddock judge, chief investigator, and associate judge.

Mr. Norman Short, a Harrington native, has seen more than 40,000 races during his tenure as an official that has spanned several decades. Short served as a racing official at the prestigious Brandywine Raceway, known for its signature race "Battle of the Brandywine." More recently, he has served as an official at Dover, Harrington, and several seasons as a fill-in Presiding Judge at Rosecroft and Pompano Park, Florida.

Rounding out the Judges' Stand, Mr. McLaren will continue his service as an Associate Judge. He brings decades of experience in all aspects of the sport, including training, driving, and regulating.

The Delaware Harness Racing Commission oversees harness racing in the state, monitoring the conduct of the racing industry and protecting the betting public. For more information on the role of the Commission, visit: <https://agriculture.delaware.gov/harness-racing-commission/>. Live harness racing will kick off at [Dover Downs](#) on Monday, November 5, 2018.

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